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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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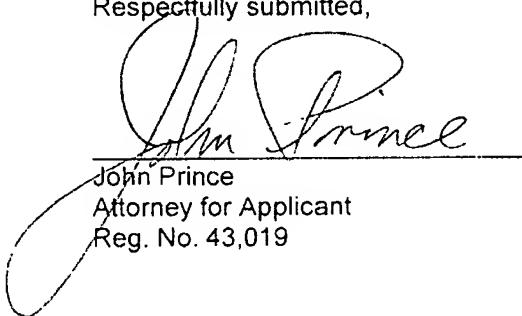
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of October 19, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 19, 2008. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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